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Senator Richard Burr  
U.S. Senate  
217 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Burr:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC. This is especially true for the elderly and those on a fixed income. The high cost of gas, and increased cost for food already makes some have to choose between eating and other necessities!

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Sincerely,

Floyd Kite

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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Paul Santos

75 James St., New Bedford, MA 02740-3532

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Representative Barney Frank  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2232 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

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Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Paul J Santos

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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John Slankard

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November 2, 2005 4:42 PM

Representative John Boozman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1519 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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**Ann Kakalec**

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December 1, 2005 11:51 AM

Senator John Rockefeller  
U.S. Senate  
531 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Rockefeller:

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Ann Kakalec

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Brian Miller

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November 2, 2005 7:08 PM

Senator Charles Schumer  
U.S. Senate  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Brian S. Miller

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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Robert B. Cecil

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November 2, 2005 3:46 PM

Senator George Allen  
U.S. Senate  
204 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Allen:

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Sincerely,

Robert B. Cecil 2208 Childress Road Christiansburg, VA 24073

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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November 3, 2005 6:12 PM

Senator Carl Levin  
U.S. Senate  
269 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Levin:

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Sincerely,

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress PS I only have local phone service because I have a very tight budget. I already have to pay extra to block my teenagers accepting collect calls. I work really hard and an increase would have a very negative effect on me. Please consider the hard working people who are just trying to stay afloat.

Sincerely,

nancy waterman

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Royce Withey

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November 3, 2005 6:48 AM

Senator Judd Gregg  
 U.S. Senate  
 393 Russell Senate Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Charles Leech, III

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November 3, 2005 3:49 PM

Senator Kay Hutchison  
 U.S. Senate  
 284 Russell Senate Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Hutchison:

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Charles A. (Buddy) Leech,

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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**Penny Archibeque**

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November 3, 2005 6:08 PM

Representative Trent Franks  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1237 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely, Penny Archibeque

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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Mike Stoker

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November 15, 2005

Representative Jim Matheson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1222 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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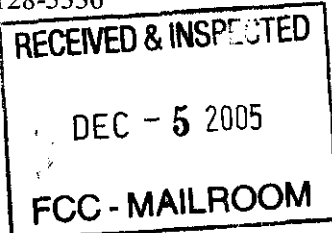
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November 1, 2005 11:24 AM

Senator Rick Santorum  
U.S. Senate  
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Subject: 215 508 5416

Dear Senator Santorum:

I have serious concerns regarding FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress's (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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Lynda Maldonado

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November 4, 2005 10:49 AM

Senator Ken Salazar  
U.S. Senate  
702 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Not your piggy bank

Dear Senator Salazar:

Yes, this letter is about the USF flat fee - to a degree. But at a higher level, it's about the approach being taken in taxation. Each month, my local phone bill is \$27.00 and of that \$9.56 is taxes (\$7.92 Federal). Just the Federal component is 29% of my bill!! And just what am I getting for that? How do you justify any tax at all? I pay federal income tax to cover the costs of operating the FCC. That's all you're entitled to. Over time the federal, state and local agencies have 'nickel and dimed' their way on a gradual basis up to the point that it now comprises 35.4% of my monthly bill. And now you want to add on 'just a few pennies a month more'. NO! This is not an endless piggy bank you can periodically just go take a couple more pennies from. First, justify every penny you take now. Until then, the answer is NO. We the people are becoming more aware every day of what's going on here and we are getting tired of it.

Sincerely,

Terry OBrian

cc:  
FCC Chairman Kevin Martin

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